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Minutes of Special Meeting of IAC Representatives on Terms of Reference for SE-5 (subsequently changed to SIE-2) and NIE-32.

1. A special meeting of the IAC Representatives was called on 16 April at 1000. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss draft terms of reference for a proposed special estimate (SE-5) on "The Form and Scale of Soviet Assistance to Communist Forces in Korea" and revised terms of reference for NIE-32, "Effect of the Korean War on Communist China and Its Capabilities for Military Operations Elsewhere." (See attached.)

2. The following were present at the meeting:

Mr. Sherman Kent, O/NE, presiding

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Col. David Crist, A-2  
Capt. Ray Malpass, ONI

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Mr. Ray Cline, O/NE

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Mr. James Graham, O/NE  
Mr. Chester Cooper, O/NE

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Captain McCool of the JIG was invited but was not able to attend.

3. The military representatives, particularly the ONI and A-2 representatives, were queried on whether USSR intervention would change the course of the Korean war. The military representatives tended to discuss this problem in terms of absolute rather than relative capabilities of the Communist Forces and no satisfactory answer to the question was obtained.

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4. There was considerable discussion on the question of whether the Special Estimate should confine itself to Communist capabilities or whether it should include probable courses of action. The Department of State held that the paper should be limited to capabilities; the military representatives wanted the broader estimate. It was finally decided to go no further in the assessment of probable courses of action than an assessment of military "indications" of probable employment of Communist Forces. The terms of reference were otherwise revised as indicated in the attached copy.

5. It was decided to revise the classification of the Special Estimate and to publish it as SIE-2.

6. It was decided to postpone consideration of the revised terms of reference for NIE-32. Mr. Kent emphasized the lack of information originally received from the IAC and suggested that the agencies impose requirements on both their own field offices and O/SO to the end that a more solid paper can be written.

7. The following schedule was proposed for the preparation of SIE-2:

Agency contributions to be in O/NE at close of business,  
18 April.

Board meeting on draft, a.m. 19 April.

Distribution to IAC Representatives, p.m. 19 April.

IAC Representatives meeting, 20 April.

IAC special meeting, 23 April.

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